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JAMES P. MELZER.

Milford, N. H. Feb 3 1890.

Mr. Wm Brewster:

Dear Sir;

Your letter duly received and I have packed for you the two birds that I feel free to dispose of, and after I have made arrangements for the male and the other undetermined female, and have corresponded with Mr. Park, I will write to you.

I hope you will find these two in good condition.

The note that I heard from the female I cannot well discribe, or do I remember it well enough to give such a description as you

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would wish. It was perhaps as near the common screech of the Blue Jay, but not in the same tone, or in a manner that would ever lead one to think it a Jay; I knew it to be a new note the instant I heard it.

Yours respectfully,

James P. Melzer.

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Feby 9. 1890.

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Milford, N. H. Feb. 11 1890.

Mr. Wm Brewster,

Dear Sir:

Your registered letter duly received, and many thanks: - I have been as yet unable to buy the male Evening Grosbeak, the owner being rather peculiar, and the more it is wanted, the greater is his desire to keep it.

Yours respectfully.

James P. Melzer.

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Milford, N. H. Feb. 22 1890.

Mr. Wm Brewster,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir;

I have a Great Gray Owl, in the flesh, - rather small, 25 inches long, - but in good shape. Can you use it either before or after it is stuffed.

Yours respectfully

James P. Melzer

P.S. I have also written to Mr. Webster to see if he wishes it.

J. P. M.

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Feby. 22. 1890.

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Milford, N. H. May 30 1890

Mr. Wm Brewster;

Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir;

Sometime ago, - (Feb 25th) I sent for you, to Mr. S. W. Denton, a Great Gray Owl, and received reply from him March 4th, that it "came OK."

As you were away for some time, I presume it has slipped your mind since your return, as I have not as yet heard from you.

I shall be satisfied with whatever you may allow, leaving the matter intirely in your hands.

I also mailed to Mr. Denton the contents of the "crop" of an

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Evening Grosbeak killed Feb. 26th with the request that he save it for you to look at, — and of which I should be pleased to hear from you.

Yours most respectfully

James P. Melzer.

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May 30. 1890.

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Milford, N. H. Aug. 9 1890.

Mr. William Brewster

Dear Sir;

Your letter of the 6th inst. received and in reply would say that no price was set on the Great Gray Owl, and as I know but little what is the value of such a bird, I will leave it entirely with you. I do not expect a fancy price, and what ever it may be worth to you will be entirely satisfactory to me.

Yours respectfully

James P. Melzer.

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Aug 9. 1890.

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JAMES P. MELZER.

Milford, N. H. Sept. 18 1890

Mr. Brewster,

Dear Sir;

Your letter with Money Order enclosed was duly received, and is entirely satisfactory. Thanks.

Yours respectfully,

James P. Melzer.

Milford, N. H.

James P. Melzer.
Sept. 18. 1890.

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Milford, N. H. Jan. 11 1891

Mr. Brewster;

Dear Sir;

I had sent me yesterday a hawk to be mounted which I think is very rare. As near as I am able to determine it is a "Swainson's Hawk" but I am not sure. I have sent to the owner to see if it can be bought and if I succeed in getting it would you like to have me send it to you and allow you to pay me what it is worth to you?

The hawk is fresh in perfect condition every way. 22½ in. long. quite dark slate or brownish on back

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with under tails spotted with yellowish white; legs feathered more than half way down in front, and green like Osprey. The skin around the eye is nearly bare, and makes a peculiar look to the head. The bird was killed in N. H., a dozen miles north of here.

I should be pleased to hear from you at once.

Yours respectfully,

James P. Melzer.

Jas. P. Melzer,
Jany. 11. 1891.

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JAMES P. MELZER.

Milford, N. H. Jan. 20 1891

Mr. Brewster,

Dear Sir;

I will keep watch of the hawk as you suggest and if I secure it I will let you know and if you wish you may have it.

There has been none of the winter birds usually seen around here this winter only one flock of Snow Buntings have I heard of. There has been one Snowy Owl taken in this town and an unusual amount of Barred Owls but scarcely any other Owl.

Yours respectfully

James P. Melzer

Mulzer, J. P.
Jan 20, 1891

Re Nyctea nyctea
et Syrnium nebulosum

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Milford, N. H. Nov. 18 1896

Mr. Brewster;

Dear Sir;

There has been an unusual number of Goshawks killed about here during the last two to three weeks; I notice it by having them sent in to be stuffed; - they are usually inclined to be rare in mature plumage, I only getting one or two each fall, but this fall I have had fifteen, and know of several being brought to the selectmen for the bounty, - that I did not get, - also quite a number of reports of their being seen

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I wrote to the ed. of the Auk, the reply I enclose.

I am interested to know if there is anything unusual in their flight this season.

Yrs resp.

Jas. P. Melzer.

Melzer-James E.P.

Nov. 18th. 1896